

IN THE CLAIMS

A list of the pending claims is presented below for the convenience of the Examiner:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for print fulfillment, comprising the steps of:

maintaining a print quantity in a server using maintenance code operating on a computer, the print quantity being associated with predetermined economical ship quantities of the a recipient;

accumulating a collection of images received from an originator in the server using collection code operating on the computer, the collection of images being associated with the recipient;

providing the originator with a user interface to select specific images to be associated or disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities using interface code operating on the computer;

automatically implementing a printing of the images included in the collection of images that are disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities using implementation code operating on the computer and automatically delaying printing of the images that are associated with the predetermined economical ship quantities using delaying code operating on the computer until a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of implementing the printing of the image included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises the steps of:

printing each of the images in the collection of images; and
shipping the images to the recipient.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises the steps of:

transmitting each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

transmitting a ship address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of tracking a total number of the images transmitted to the print vendor for printing using tracking code operating on the computer.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images upon receipt of an order for immediate printing of the collection of images from the originator using the collection code operating on the computer.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accumulating the collection of images received from the originator in the server further comprises the steps of:

receiving a number of images from the originator;

adding each of the number of images to the collection of images; and

determining if the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity after adding each of the number of images to the collection of images.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of acknowledging a receipt of a number of images to the originator using acknowledging code operating on the computer.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending a print notification to the originator when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity using sending code operating on the computer.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of obtaining a payment for the implementation of the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity using payment code operating on the computer.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for print fulfillment, comprising:
a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;
an image printing system stored in the memory and executable by the processor, the image printing system further comprising:
a print quantity maintained in the memory, the print quantity being associated with predetermined economical ship quantities of ~~the~~ a recipient;
logic that accumulates a collection of images in the memory, the images being received from an originator and the collection of images being associated with the recipient;
logic that provides the originator with a user interface to select specific images to be associated or disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities;
logic that automatically implements a printing of the images included in the collection of images when that are disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities and automatically delaying printing of the images that are associated with the predetermined economical ship quantities until a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the logic that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises logic that automatically interfaces with a printer to print each of the images in the collection of images for shipment to the recipient.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the logic that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises:

logic that automatically transmits each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

logic that transmits a shipping address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising logic that tracks a total number of the images transmitted to the print vendor for printing.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images upon receipt of an order for immediate printing of the collection of images from the originator.

15. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the logic that accumulates the collection of images in the memory further comprises:

logic that adds a number of the images received from the originator to the collection of images; and

logic that determines if the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity after adding each of the number of images to the collection of images.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that automatically transmits an acknowledgement of a receipt of a number of images to the originator.

17. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that automatically transmits a print notification to the originator when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

18. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that transmits a payment interface to the originator to obtain a payment for the implementation of the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for print fulfillment, comprising:
~~means~~ computer logic for maintaining a print quantity associated with predetermined economical ship quantities of ~~the~~ a recipient;
~~means~~ computer logic for accumulating a collection of images received from an originator, the collection of images being associated with the recipient;
~~means~~ computer logic for providing the originator with a user interface to select specific images to be associated or disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities;
~~means~~ computer logic for automatically implementing a printing of the images included in the collection of images when that are disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities and automatically delaying printing of the images that are associated with the predetermined economical ship quantities until when a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the ~~means~~ computer logic for implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises ~~means~~ computer logic for automatically interfacing with a printer to print each of the images in the collection of images for shipment to the recipient.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the ~~means~~ computer logic for implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises:

~~means~~ computer logic for automatically transmitting each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

~~means~~ computer logic for transmitting a shipping address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

22. (Currently Amended) A program embodied in a computer-readable medium for print fulfillment, comprising:

code that determines a print quantity defined by a predetermined economical ship quantity;

code that maintains the print quantity in a memory, the print quantity being associated with predetermined economical ship quantities of ~~the~~ a recipient;

code that accumulates a collection of images in the memory, the images being received from an originator and the collection of images being associated with the recipient;

code that provides the originator with a user interface to select specific images to be associated or disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities;

code that automatically implements a printing of the images included in the collection of images when that are disassociated with the predetermined economical ship quantities and automatically delaying printing of the images that are associated with the predetermined economical ship quantities until a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

23. (Original) The program embodied in the computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises code that automatically interfaces with a printer to print each of the images in the collection of images for shipment to the recipient.

24. (Original) The program embodied in the computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises:

code that automatically transmits each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

code that transmits a shipping address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

25. (Original) The program embodied in the computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code that accumulates the collection of images in the memory further comprises:

code that adds a number of the images received from the originator to the collection of images; and

code that determines if the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity after adding each of the number of the images to the collection of images.